

Amendments to the Specification

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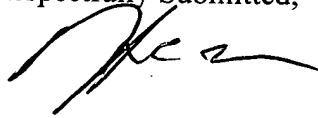
This application is a continuation of PCT Patent Application No.
PCT/EP02/07314, filed on July 2, 2002, which claims priority to German Patent
Application Number 10131917.7, filed on July 2, 2001.

II. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment and favorable consideration of the application.

A prompt and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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